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In re patent application of:

Perry A. Pierce, et al.

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Title: POSTAGE METERING SYSTEM HAVING THIRD PARTY PAYMENT
 CAPABILITY

**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO
 JANUARY 21, 2003 OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents
 PO BOX 1450
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the January 21, 2003 Office Action ("Office Action"). A response was originally due April 21, 2003. A petition for two-month extension of time to respond is filed herewith. This response is now due June 21, 2003 or the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or federal holiday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. A Request for Approval of Proposed Drawing Changes is submitted under separate cover on even date herewith and a courtesy copy is enclosed.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

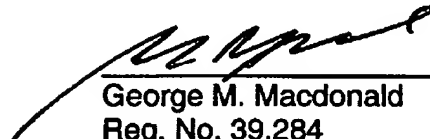
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Independent Claims	3	-	3	=	0	X	\$84.00	=	0.00
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